

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint (modified by USAO for telephone or other reliable electronic means)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of Ohio

United States of America

v.

Taevontae S MOORE

Case No.

2:21-mj-379

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT BY TELEPHONE OR OTHER RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of March 29, 20 in the county of Franklin in the  
Southern District of Ohio, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section  
18 USC 922(g)(1)

Offense Description  
Knowingly Possess a Firearm by a Convicted Felon

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

SEE ATTACHED

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 05/28/2021

City and state: Columbus Ohio

Complainant's signature

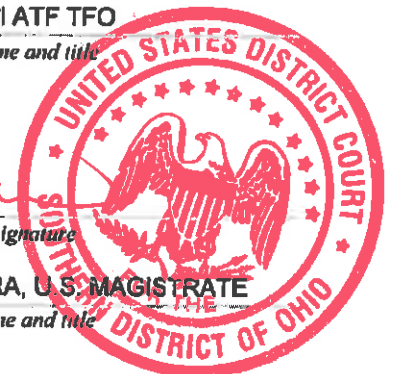
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Printed name and title

Judge's signature

CHELSEY M. VASCURA, U.S. MAGISTRATE

Printed name and title



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**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**  
**Taevontae S MOORE**

I, Samuel Chappell, being duly sworn, depose and state that:

1. I have been an Officer with the Columbus Division of Police (CPD) since 2007. I have been assigned to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) as a Task Force Officer (TFO) since 2017. As a result of my training and experience, I am familiar with state and federal laws pertaining to firearms and narcotics violations, among other offenses.
2. This affidavit is being submitted in support of an application for a criminal complaint against Taevontae S. MOORE for knowing he had been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed a firearm, and the firearm was in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, In violation of 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(1) and 924(a).
3. The facts set forth within this affidavit come from the Affiant's own personal involvement with the investigation, as well as information provided by other law enforcement officers and reports. The information outlined below does not contain all details or all facts of which I am aware relating to this investigation but rather is provided for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause that MOORE committed this offence.
4. On or about March 29, 2021 uniformed Columbus Division of Police officers on patrol attempted to stop a silver 2008 Pontiac for traffic violations near 1313 St James Lutheran Lane. The vehicle fled from the attempted traffic stop. Officers did not pursue the vehicle.
5. Officers then received a call that the male driver of a silver Pontiac had assaulted a woman at the Roadway Inn located at 1313 St. James Lutheran Lane. Officers made physical contact with the caller. The caller refused to personally identify themselves and did not wish to pursue charges, but officers visually observed evidence of a physical assault, including bite marks on the eyelids of the caller.
6. Officers located a silver Pontiac in the driveway of 3021 Wicklow Rd. Next to the vehicle was Taevontae MOORE. Officers exited their cruiser and told MOORE to walk towards them. MOORE began to back up and then he turned and ran away from Officers. Officers chased MOORE on foot. Officers caught MOORE and placed him into handcuffs.
7. While conducting a search of MOORE, officers observed MOORE chewing on a plastic bag. The baggie tore open and its contents, a white powder, spilled out. MOORE stated he was going to overdose because he ingested 3 grams of fentanyl. During the search of MOORE, officers found a scale, two glass pipes, and approximately \$2,274.00 in US Currency. Officers obtained medical aid for MOORE.
8. During an inventory of MOORE's vehicle, officers found a FN 9mm handgun serial GKS0166493 in the center console. Officers located a extended and loaded 9mm magazine in a bag located in the rear of the vehicle. Officers found a small safe in the vehicle. Using keys

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recovered from MOORE, officers opened the safe. Inside the safe officers found suspected narcotics, narcotics paraphernalia, MOORE's Ohio ID card, and other paperwork belonging to MOORE. Officers found another safe in the rear passenger area of the vehicle. Inside this safe, officers found a loaded Ruger 22 caliber handgun serial 363-86361. A records search showed the Ruger had been reported stolen.

9. MOORE was prohibited from possession of a firearm based upon having been previously convicted of the following crime punishable by a term of imprisonment exceeding one year:
  - a. Franklin County Ohio Court of Common Pleas Case 15CR000698 for attempted for robbery.
  - b. Franklin County Ohio Court of Common Pleas Case 15CR0053357 for abduction.
10. Your Affiant confirmed via ATF resources that the aforementioned firearms seized from the vehicle MOORE drove on or about March 29, 2021 were not manufactured in the State of Ohio and therefore had previously traveled in interstate commerce to reach the State of Ohio.
11. The aforementioned offenses occurred in Franklin County, Ohio, in the Southern Judicial District of Ohio.
12. Based on this information, your affiant believes probable cause exists that MOORE knowing he had been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed firearms, that is, a Ruger 22 caliber handgun serial 363-86361 and a FN 9mm handgun serial GKS0166493 and the firearms were in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2).

  
ATF TFO Samuel Chappell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of May 28, 2021 Columbus, Ohio.

  
**CHELSEY M. VASCURA**  
**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**